

WHAT TO DO IF YOU COME IN CONTACT WITH ANTHRAX

- ◆ Personnel coming into contact with a substance suspected of being anthrax should immediately place it back in the container from which it came and reseal the container.
- ◆ Place the container in either a bio-hazard bag or a plastic garbage type bag and seal.
- ◆ Contact your supervisor immediately.
- ◆ Once you are exposed to anthrax you are contaminated.
- ◆ Do not leave the area where you first came into contact with the suspected anthrax. You want to limit the number of other people who could become contaminated.
- ◆ Anyone who was not in the immediate area when you came into contact with the suspected anthrax should be evacuated from the facility immediately.
- ◆ Initiate contacting the local fire service and emergency medical service.
- ◆ Contact the Operations Center. The Operation Center will contact the State Emergency Management Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigations, and other appropriate authorities.
(Operations Center is your local law enforcement)
- ◆ Shut down the heating and cooling system in order to limit the potential of spreading the anthrax spores.
- ◆ Keep all individuals who were exposed to the suspected anthrax together until fire and medical personnel arrive.
- ◆ Situations involving suspected anthrax will be treated as hazardous materials incidents with fire services in command.
- ◆ All individuals exposed to the suspected anthrax will be decontaminated by fire personnel and transported to the nearest hospital to begin treatment.
- ◆ Above all, **REMAIN CALM!** Having people panic will not help the situation. With immediate treatment, exposure to anthrax is treatable and survivable.